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**NOTIFICATION RELATING TO
DECLARATION MADE UNDER PCT RULE 4.17**

(PCT Rules 26^{ter}.2(b), 47.1(a-^{ter}) and 48.2(a)(x)
and Administrative Instructions, Section 419)

Date of mailing (<i>day/month/year</i>) 01 December 2004 (01.12.2004)	
Applicant's or agent's file reference BIF116053/DM/LJH	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
International application No. PCT/IB2004/002623	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 21 July 2004 (21.07.2004)
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1. The applicant is hereby **notified** of the following regarding the declaration indicated below in respect of (*name(s) indicated in the declaration*) PIRET, Philippe; LE BARS, Philippe; LEHOBEY, Frédéric
 - (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i) and Section 211)
 - (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for or be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii) and Section 212)
 - (iii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii) and Section 213)
 - (iv) declaration of inventorship (for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv) and Section 214)
 - (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v) and Section 215)
2. **Addition or correction of the declaration within the time limit under Rule 26^{ter}.1.**

The added or corrected declaration was received on (*date*), 25 November 2004 (25.11.2004)
which was received within the time limit under Rule 26^{ter}.1.

Any declaration referred to under items 1(i) to (iv) whether or not the declaration complies with Rule 4.17, will be communicated to the designated Offices concerned pursuant to Rule 47.1(a-^{ter}) and any declaration referred to under item 1(v) will be published as part of the pamphlet pursuant to Rule 48.2(a)(x).
3. **Failure to add or correct the declaration within the time limit under Rule 26^{ter}.1.**

The declaration, was received on (*date*), _____, which was after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26^{ter}.1; therefore, any such declaration referred to under items 1(i) to (iv) will not be communicated to the designated Offices concerned, any such declaration referred to under item 1(v) will not be published as part of the pamphlet, and any signed declaration referred to under item 1(iv) is attached. **Such declaration should be submitted by the applicant directly to the designated Offices concerned.**
4. The applicant's attention is drawn to Rule 51bis.2 which provides that the designated Office shall not, unless it may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration concerned, require any document or evidence relating to the subject matter of any declaration complying with Rule 4.17(i) to (iv) which is contained in the request or submitted to the International Bureau or directly to the designated Office. Note, however, that Rule 51bis.2 may not apply in respect of certain States. For further information, see Notes to the request form, Box No. VIII.
5. A copy of this notification is being sent to the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority.

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Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)

The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
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I hereby declare that I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/ IB04/02623 (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications: FR0308868.of July 21, 2003

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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